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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I moved my service from a large provider (AT&T) to a local service called Sonic in San Francisco. The result was significantly better service, support and quality of service. Before a local provider appeared on the scene, I had to put up with years of horrible service and pay one of the highest rates in the State. Deregulation underway by the FCC will not help the general populations, but give larger providers once again a monopoly to play with the rates and provide low quality service. I am writing to say I support broadband competition.

Broadband access in this modern world is a necessity for both personal and work needs. Living in San Francisco, it is essential to have reliable and affordable services. Please do not destroy competition in my area.

Very truly yours,

James Mahar